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1. Rasno-Export and its subsidiary Soyuspro-Export, as well as the forwarding agents' firm of Derutra A.G., are Soviet companies in the Russian Zone of Germany working closely with Soviet Colonel Michin of the Foreign Trade Division of the SWA at Stühlingerstrasse 1, Berlin-Karlshorst.
2. The Rasno-Export offices were formerly situated at Krausenstrasse 8, Berlin, with a branch office at Waldewallee 30, Karlshorst, but have now been moved to Herzbergstrasse in Berlin-Lichtenberg, where they occupy several houses.
3. The following are the names of some of the Russians employed by Rasno-Export in Berlin:

Neumark	Ivanov
Reypolsky	Signalov
Bolshakov	Voshakov
Dimitriev	Levin
Petuchov	Borovich
Dianov	

The following three Germans, all members of the SED, are also employed:

Lederer  
Wilknies  
Frl. Auguhl

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5. Rasno-Export handles export goods of a general nature, whereas Soyuspro-Export deals with technical products. Derutra A.G. acts as forwarding agent for both. Liaison with Derutra is maintained by three Russians named Sverdlin, Gorlous, and Maximovich. As Derutra is, however, finding itself increasingly incapable of coping with the entire traffic, Berlin, is being used on an increasing scale to handle Rasno-Export and Soyuspro-Export shipments.

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6. More recent Rasno-Export consignments exported from Germany included the following commodities:

Salt  
 Hard coal tar  
 Crude asbestos  
 Chromium ore  
 Manganese ore  
 Arsenic  
 Nitrogenous fertilizers  
 Graphite  
 "Aktivkohle" (Active charcoal?)

The countries supplied were:

Czechoslovakia  
 Poland  
 Romania  
 Bulgaria  
 Yugoslavia

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8. The blanket factory of Otto Behr at Werdau (Saxony) recently received a consignment of 1,000 tons of rags through the efforts of Dianov. This consignment was converted into blankets which were exported

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9. The entire capacity of Metallpapierfabrik Bankert & Co., Dresden, A.G., is taken up with Rasno-Export orders for "Bobinen für Zigaretten" (machines for homemade cigarettes); these orders are passed to the firm either directly or via the Landesverwaltung Sachsen in Dresden.

10. The entire production of knitted goods and stockings of the Chemnitz area is earmarked for Rasno-Export, which negotiates with firms through the intermediary of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Chemnitz. Since stocks of artificial silk yarn have become exhausted, new supplies are being imported. Stockings made from these supplies are partly re-exported to the West and partly appropriated by Rasno-Export. Chemnitz firms consider the terms of exchange with the Western Zones exceptionally favorable. Negotiations with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Chemnitz are always conducted by Neumark in the presence of Colonel Michin.

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11. The full capacity of the following three firms making linen thread and yarns is taken up by Rasno-Export and shipped mainly to South America:

Gruschwitz Textilwerke A.G., Venusberg  
 Lippert & Co., Dresden  
 Werner & Schöne, Grossröhrsdorf

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13. All the Thuringian slate works receive orders for large quantities of "Schiefermehl" (ground shale, a substitute for talcum), loam, clay, and fire-proof brick, as well as kaolin

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14. By order of the SMA at Weimar, all fine leather products made by Brüderlein at Pörsneck (Thuringia) and Dr. Becke at Mühlhausen (Thuringia) are delivered to Rasno-Export for despatch to South America.

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15. It has been reported that German firms refusing to accept Rasno-Export orders have been dismantled.

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